

Amendments to the Claims:

A detailed listing of all the claims that are, or were, in the application is presented below. Current amendments to the claims, including additions being shown by underlining and deletions being shown by strikethrough or double brackets, are expressed in the listing.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 55 (Canceled).

56. (Currently Amended) A decorative floor covering comprising:

a substrate, wherein the substrate has a textured surface selected from the group consisting of a mechanically embossed texture, chemically embossed texture, and a chemically and mechanically embossed texture, wherein the embossed texture has raised surfaces and indentations; and

a radiation cured pigmented wear layer disposed on the substrate, wherein the wear layer comprises a polymeric resin binder and pigment, wherein the resin of the resin binder consists essentially of a thermoset resin selected from the group consisting of [[an]] ultraviolet light curable [[resin]] resins, electron beam curable [[resin]] resins, and a combination thereof, wherein the pigmented wear layer is disposed mainly on the raised surfaces and there is substantially no pigmented wear layer in the indentations,

the floor covering having an exposed surface with a stain resistance of less than about 150 Delta E units.

57. (Currently Amended) A decorative floor covering comprising:

a substrate, wherein the substrate has a textured surface selected from the group consisting of a mechanically embossed texture, chemically embossed texture, and a chemically and mechanically embossed texture, wherein the embossed texture has raised surfaces and indentations; and

a radiation cured pigmented wear layer disposed on the substrate, wherein the wear layer comprises a polymeric resin binder and pigment, wherein the resin of the resin binder consists essentially of a thermoset resin selected from the group consisting of [[an]] ultraviolet light curable [[resin]] resins, electron beam curable [[resin]] resins, and a combination thereof, wherein the pigmented wear layer is disposed mainly in the indentations and there is substantially no pigmented wear layer on the raised surfaces,

the floor covering having an exposed surface with a stain resistance of less than about 150 Delta E units.

58. (Currently Amended) A decorative floor covering comprising:

a substrate, wherein the substrate has a textured surface selected from the group consisting of a mechanically embossed texture, chemically embossed texture, and a chemically and mechanically embossed texture, wherein the embossed texture has raised surfaces and indentations;

a radiation cured pigmented wear layer disposed on the substrate, wherein the wear layer comprises a polymeric resin binder and pigment, wherein the resin of the resin binder consists essentially of a thermoset resin selected from the group consisting of [[an]] ultraviolet light curable [[resin]] resins, electron beam curable [[resin]] resins, and a combination thereof; and

a radiation cured topcoat disposed on and adjacent to the radiation cured pigmented wear layer, wherein the topcoat comprises a polymeric resin binder, wherein the resin of the resin binder of the topcoat layer consists essentially of a thermoset resin selected from the group consisting of [[an]] ultraviolet light curable [[resin]] resins, electron beam curable [[resin]] resins, and a combination thereof, wherein the pigmented ~~topcoat~~ wear layer is disposed mainly on the raised surfaces and there is substantially no pigmented wear layer in the indentations,

the floor covering having an exposed surface with a stain resistance of less than about 150 Delta E units.

59. (Currently Amended) A decorative floor covering comprising:

a substrate, wherein the substrate has a textured surface selected from the group consisting of a mechanically embossed texture, chemically embossed texture, and a chemically and mechanically embossed texture, wherein the embossed texture has raised surfaces and indentations;

a radiation cured pigmented wear layer disposed on the substrate, wherein the wear layer comprises a polymeric resin binder and pigment, wherein the resin of the resin binder consists essentially of a thermoset resin selected from the group consisting of ~~[[an]]~~ ultraviolet light curable ~~[[resin]]~~ resins, electron beam curable ~~[[resin]]~~ resins, and a combination thereof; and

a radiation cured topcoat disposed on and adjacent to the radiation cured pigmented wear layer, wherein the topcoat comprises a polymeric resin binder, wherein the resin of the resin binder of the topcoat layer consists essentially of a thermoset resin selected from the group consisting of ~~[[an]]~~ ultraviolet light curable ~~[[resin]]~~ resins, electron beam curable ~~[[resin]]~~ resins, and a combination thereof, wherein the pigmented ~~topcoat~~ wear layer is disposed mainly in the indentations and there is substantially no pigmented wear layer on the raised surfaces,

the floor covering having an exposed surface with a stain resistance of less than about 150 Delta E units.

Claims 60 to 62 (Canceled).

63. (Currently Amended) A decorative floor covering comprising:

a substrate, wherein the substrate has a textured surface selected from the group consisting of a mechanically embossed texture, chemically embossed texture, and a chemically and mechanically embossed texture, wherein the embossed texture has raised surfaces and indentations;

a radiation cured pigmented wear layer disposed on the substrate, wherein the wear layer comprises a polymeric resin binder and pigment, wherein the resin of the resin

binder consists essentially of a thermoset resin selected from the group consisting of [[an]] ultraviolet light curable [[resin]] resins, electron beam curable [[resin]] resins, and a combination thereof; and

a radiation cured topcoat disposed on and adjacent to the radiation cured pigmented wear layer, wherein the topcoat comprises a polymeric resin binder, wherein the resin of the resin binder of the topcoat layer consists essentially of a thermoset resin selected from the group consisting of [[an]] ultraviolet light curable [[resin]] resins, electron beam curable [[resin]] resins, and a combination thereof, wherein the radiation cured topcoat is pigmented, wherein the pigmented topcoat is disposed mainly on the raised surfaces and there is substantially no pigmented topcoat in the indentations,

the floor covering having an exposed surface with a stain resistance of less than about 150 Delta E units.

Claim 64 (Canceled).

65. (Currently Amended) A decorative floor covering comprising:

a substrate, wherein the substrate has a textured surface selected from the group consisting of a mechanically embossed texture, chemically embossed texture, and a chemically and mechanically embossed texture, wherein the embossed texture has raised surfaces and indentations;

a radiation cured pigmented wear layer disposed on the substrate, wherein the wear layer comprises a polymeric resin binder and pigment, wherein the resin of the resin binder consists essentially of a thermoset resin selected from the group consisting of [[an]] ultraviolet light curable [[resin]] resins, electron beam curable [[resin]] resins, and a combination thereof; and

a radiation cured topcoat disposed on and adjacent to the radiation cured pigmented wear layer, wherein the topcoat comprises a polymeric resin binder, wherein the resin of the resin binder of the topcoat layer consists essentially of a thermoset resin selected from the group consisting of [[an]] ultraviolet light curable [[resin]] resins,

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electron beam curable [[resin]] resins, and a combination thereof, wherein the radiation cured topcoat is pigmented, wherein the pigmented topcoat is disposed mainly in the indentations and there is substantially no pigmented topcoat on the raised surfaces,

the floor covering having an exposed surface with a stain resistance of less than about 150 Delta E units.